

Better BART

BART is embarking on a Station Modernization Program that will invest resources and efforts into the existing core stations and surrounding areas to advance transit ridership and enhance the quality of life around the stations. As part of the Station Modernization effort, BART has developed a conceptual redesign of the El Cerrito del Norte Station. The goal of the project is to develop potential station improvements to upgrade and modernize the station's function, safety, capacity, sustainability, and appearance, and improve the customer and employee experience.

Needs Assessment



- Incorporate elevators into paid area
- Upgrade station agent booth
- Upgrade public & employee restrooms
- Improve site wayfinding & signage



- Increase bicycle access & security
- Enhance connection to the Greenway
- Maintain options for future TOD
- Enhance connections to City Streets
- Improve site safety



- Improve visibility & visual surveillance of paid area
- Expand paid area for better customer experience
- Improve stairs, escalators, and elevators
- Improve acoustics, lighting & information displays
- Enhance security
- Create a sense of place

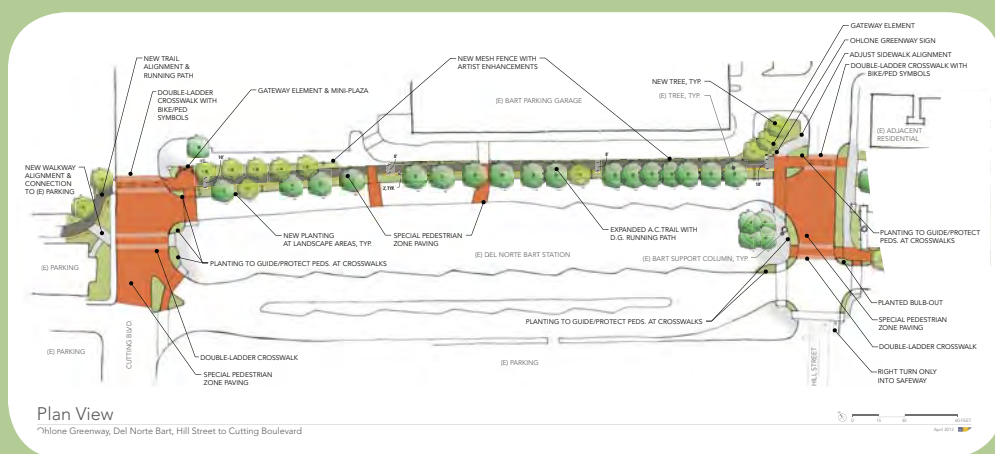
- Provide better seating/waiting areas
- Improve station access
- Reduce need for pigeon control



Planning Context

Ohlone Greenway Design

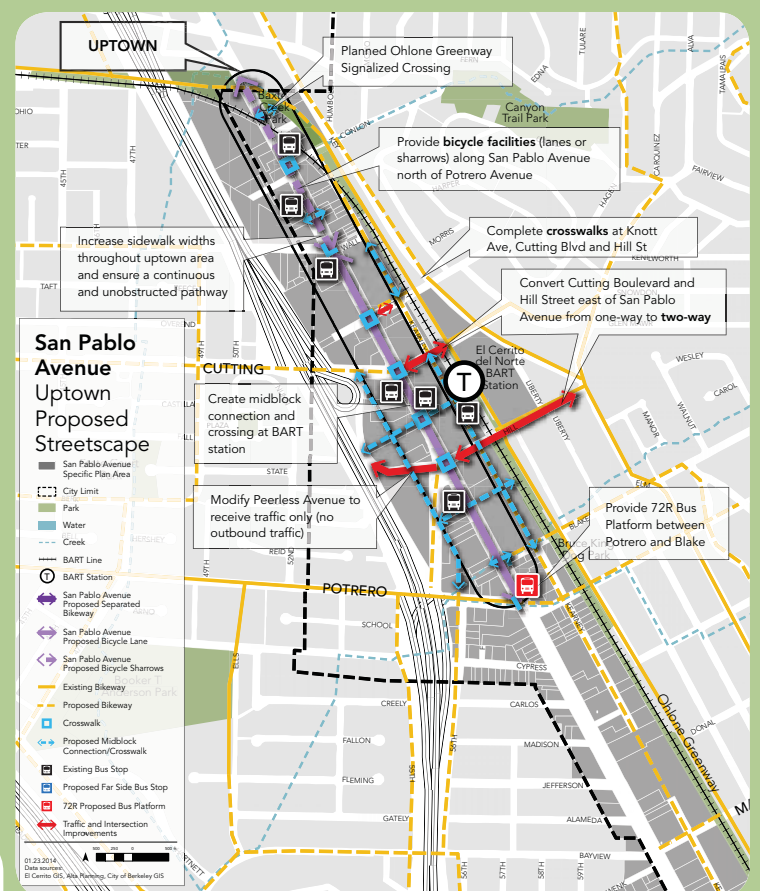
the City of El Cerrito



BART and the City of El Cerrito are currently coordinating on a number of planning efforts. The City's Complete Streets Plan and San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan call for the conversion of Cutting Boulevard and Hill Street from one-way to two-way streets. The City of El Cerrito also has received grant funding to improve the Ohlone Greenway adjacent to the two BART stations and BART and the City will coordinate further on the design and construction of these improvements.

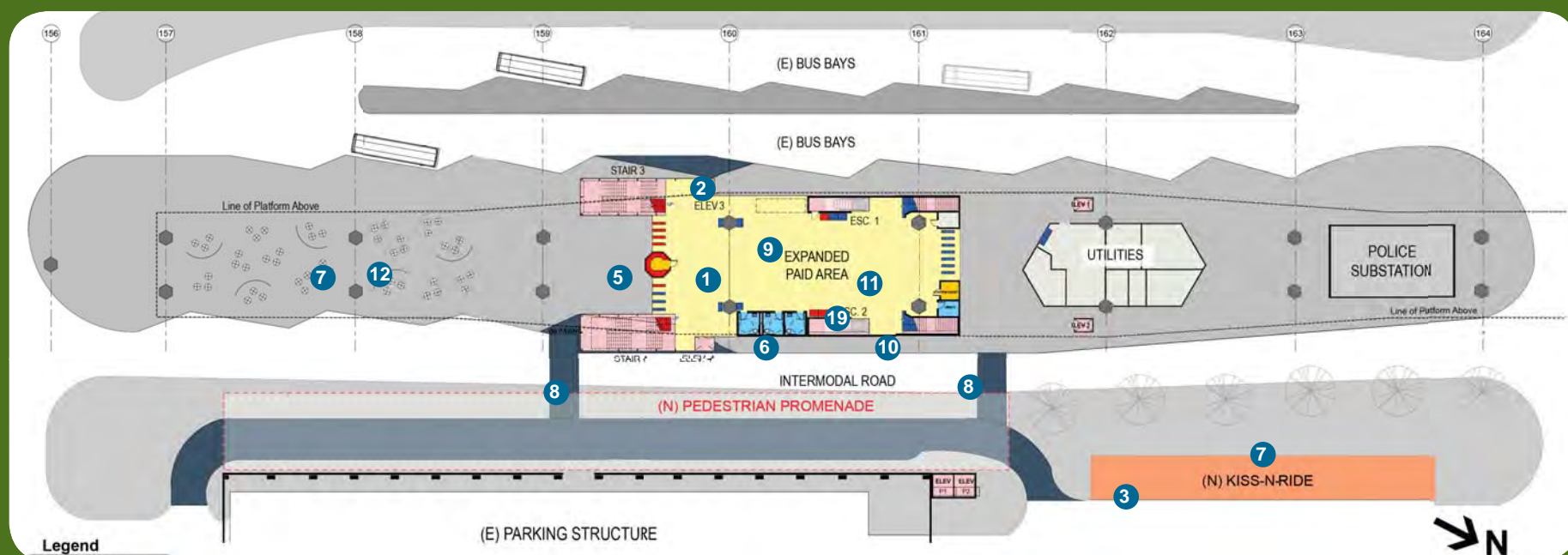
San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan

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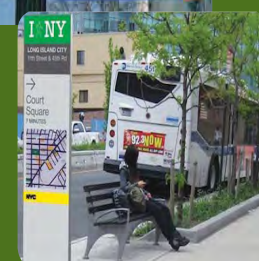


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Phase I - Entering Preliminary Engineering



- 1 Expanded paid area
- 2 New elevators
- 3 Relocate passenger drop-off (Final location TBD)
- 4 New station art (Final location TBD)
- 5 New Station Agent booth
- 6 Upgraded public restrooms
- 7 Relocate and reconfigure bike racks
- 8 Raised crosswalks
- 9 Refurbish flooring in paid area
- 10 Refurbish existing mosaic art
- 11 LED lighting in concourse and platform area, including new fixtures and metal ceiling soffits
- 12 Reconfigured pedestrian space, including new seating and windscreens



Preliminary Engineering - Unfunded Projects

- 13 Enhanced Ohlone Greenway Connection - including landscaping and pedestrian lights
- 14 Enhanced bike and pedestrian path from Key Boulevard
- 15 Improved pedestrian scaled lighting
- 16 Improved landscape - sustainable and stormwater mitigation
- 17 Replant trees to shield parking garage
- 18 Station area wayfinding
- 19 New escalators

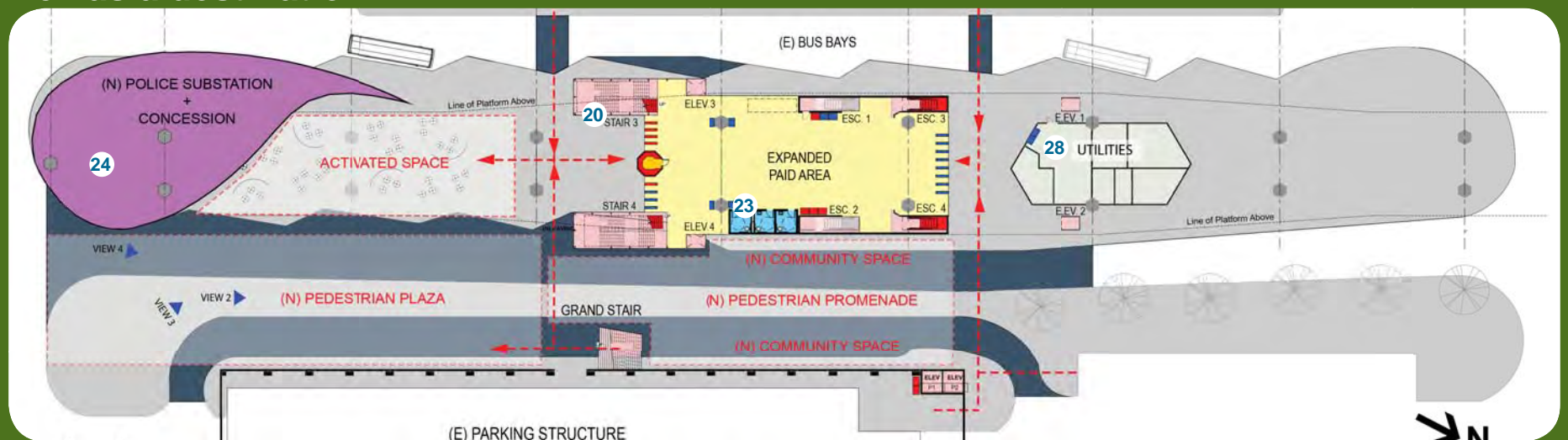


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Station Modernization

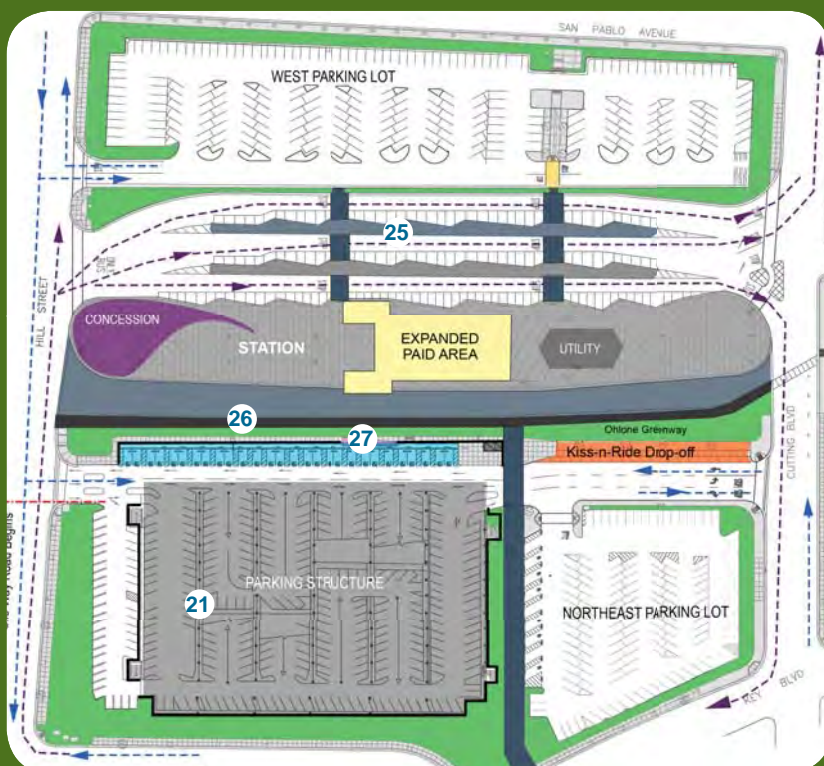
Long-Term Vision

The long-term vision for the El Cerrito del Norte station is to transform the station into a setting for community interaction and a place that accommodates a variety of activities. In addition the station will serve as a catalyst for improving the surrounding community as well as spur local economic development and increased transit use. The intent is to create more of a “sense of place” for the station, both as an unique community asset as well as a destination.



Key Items of Long-Term Plan not included in Phase 1

- 20 New vertical elements (beyond Phase 1), including additional glass enclosed daily-use stairs
- 21 Solar panels on parking garage and platform canopies
- 22 Platform roof canopy expansion
- 23 New restrooms
- 24 Construction of a new BART police substation, which can also house additional public restrooms, bus operator restrooms, and concession areas
- 25 Relocated passenger drop off area
- 26 Expanding the pedestrian promenade by relocating the eastern bus access road to create a new pedestrian plaza
- 27 New “Grand Stair” on the parking structure allowing direct stairway access from all parking area levels
- 28 Upgraded station agent break room



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